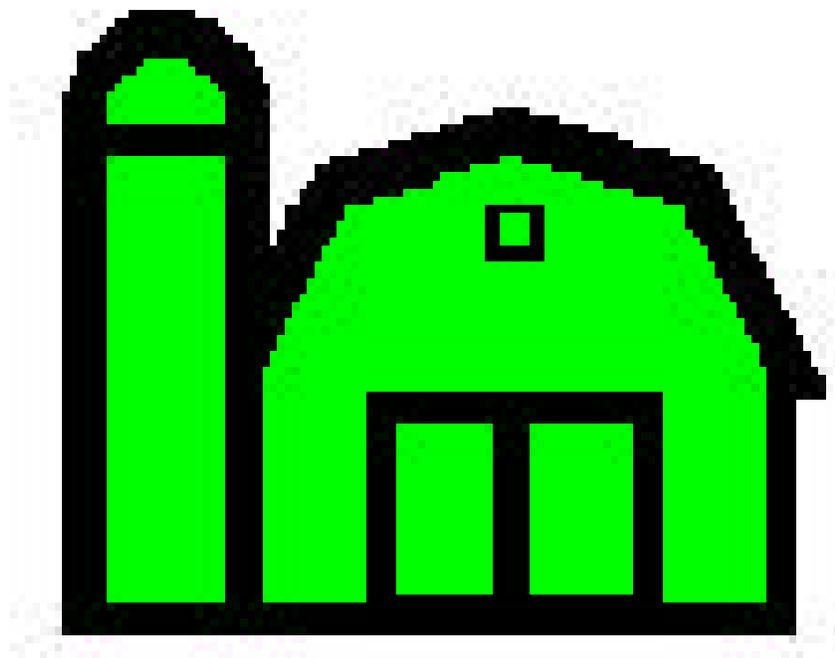


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**HIGHLIGHTS OF
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CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE: 1997, 1992 and 1987



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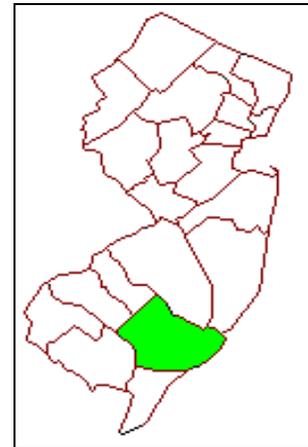
Item	All farms		
	1997	1992	1987
Farms farms ..	9,101	9,079	9,032
Land in farms acres ..	832,600	847,595	894,426
Average size of farm acres ..	91	93	99
Value of land and buildings			
Average per farm dollars ..	594,206	615,430	396,198
Average per acre dollars ..	6,642	6,942	3,969
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/			
Average per farm dollars ..	48,011	39,620	37,768
Farms by size:			
1 to 9 acres	2,249	2,099	1,862
10 to 49 acres	3,807	3,726	3,549
50 to 179 acres	1,927	2,079	2,316
180 to 499 acres	768	836	939
500 to 999 acres	238	250	292
1,000 acres or more	112	89	74
Total cropland farms ..	8,322	8,221	8,268
acres ..	594,928	623,466	642,534
Harvested cropland farms ..	7,396	7,149	7,288
acres ..	485,187	491,518	484,805
Irrigated land farms ..	2,089	1,911	1,846
acres ..	92,965	80,409	91,208
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000 ..	697,380	532,988	496,003
Average per farm dollars ..	76,627	58,706	54,916
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crop \$1,000 ..	592,713	431,178	370,580
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000 ..	104,666	101,810	125,423
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$2,500	3,352	3,136	3,089
\$2,500 to \$ 4,000	1,105	1,175	1,281
\$5,000 to \$ 9,999	1,097	1,144	1,163
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1,195	1,358	1,201
\$25,000 to \$49,999	689	676	632
\$50,000 to \$99,999	502	530	578
\$100,000 or more	1,161	1,060	1,088
Total farm production expenses \$1,000 ..	513,326	430,843	387,693
Average per farm dollars ..	56,447	47,434	42,920

1/ Data are based on a sample of farms.



**NEW JERSEY
ATLANTIC COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 29,606 acres in 1992 to 31,050 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 76 acres in 1992 to 73 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 232 farms in 1992 to 198 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

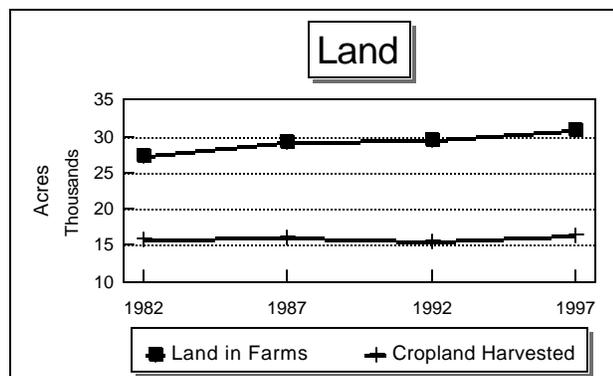
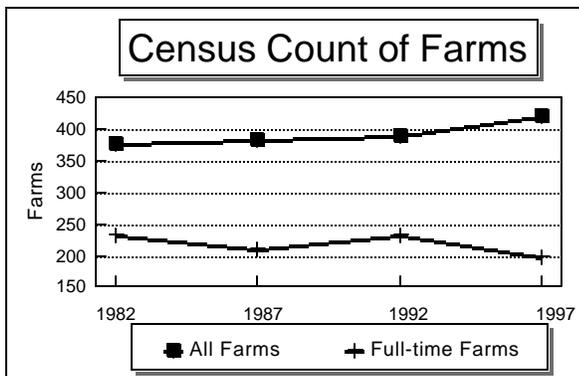
Increased 46 percent to \$63,469,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$111,110 in 1992 to \$149,690 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	63,469	6	20	922	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	62,856	3	20	382	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	612	14	20	2,940	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	30,763	1	20	64	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	18,655	3	20	60	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,193	8	20	169	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	933	3	18	481	2,237
Cut christmas trees harv	425	12	18	160	1,965
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Colony of bees inventory	1,729	2	18	331	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	797	10	20	1,001	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	742	6	19	1,721	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	562	17	20	1,589	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	524	12	19	1,001	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Total berries-acres	D	1	20	10	2,058
Land used for vegetables-acres	5,374	4	20	130	2,741
Total herbs-acres	4,602	2	18	10	649
All nursery-acres	2,216	6	20	116	2,619
Hay crops-acres	1,136	14	20	2,853	3,061

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	228	190	20
\$10,000 or more	196	201	-2
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	47,537	33,538	42
Average per farm dollars.	112,648	85,775	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	14,856	10,308	44
Average per farm dollars.	35,205	26,362	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	340	311	9
Partnership or corporation	83	78	6
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	198	232	-15
Other	226	159	42
Operators by sex:			
Male	364	340	7
Female	60	51	18
Operators by race:			
White	418	383	9
Black and other races	6	8	-25
Average age of operator	53	53	

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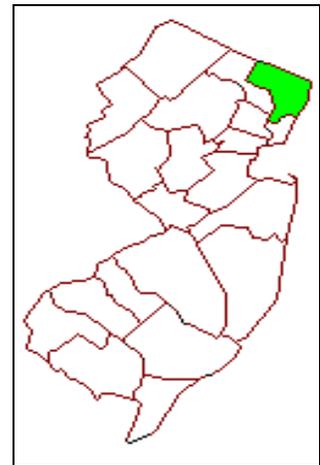
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**NEW JERSEY
BERGEN COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 2,636 acres in 1992 to 2,633 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 21 acres in 1992 to 22 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 70 farms in 1992 to 63 farms in 1997.

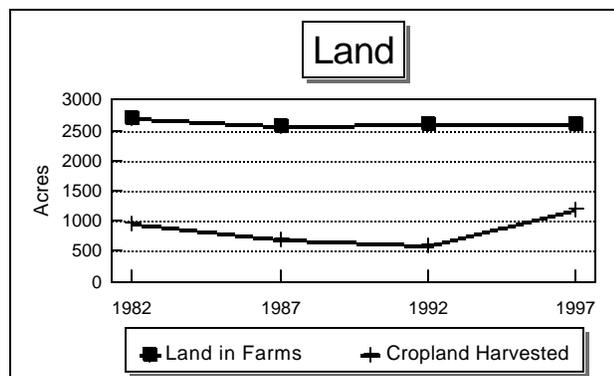
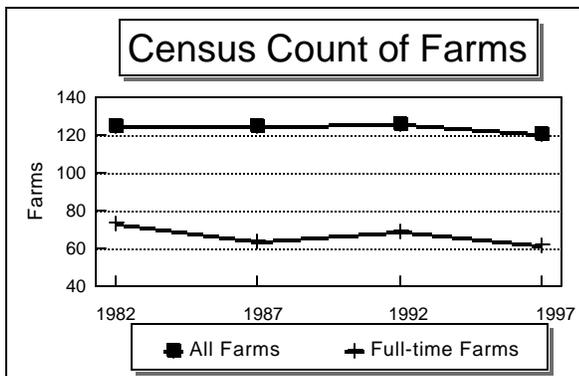
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 36 percent to \$9,008,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 43 percent from \$52,177 in 1992 to \$74,444 in 1997.



1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

BERGEN COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	9,008	16	20	2,557	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,650	16	20	1,850	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	358	15	20	2,974	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,828	12	20	269	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	691	17	20	652	2,739
Poultry & products	163	9	20	1,272	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	113	15	20	878	2,547
Aquaculture	D	5	16	395	1,505
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	5,900	5	20	894	2,203
Turkeys sold	D	4	18	412	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	D	5	14	780	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	11	18	1,069	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	80	16	19	2,088	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,800	9	20	985	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,498	2	18	437	2,549
Broiler inventory	D	4	18	882	2,620
All turkeys inventory	240	7	19	449	2,361
Horse and pony inventory	143	18	20	2,745	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
All nursery-acres	647	15	20	443	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	220	17	20	926	2,741
Hay crops-acres	205	17	20	3,004	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	95	15	20	1,064	2,693
Total herbs-acres	88	9	18	102	649

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	52	62	-16
\$10,000 or more	69	65	6
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	5,718	4,770	20
Average per farm dollars	47,252	36,977	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	2,751	2,020	36
Average per farm dollars	22,733	15,662	45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	77	83	-7
Partnership or corporation	43	44	-2
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	63	70	-10
Other	58	57	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	101	109	-7
Female	20	18	11
Operators by race:			
White	119	125	-5
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	60	58	3

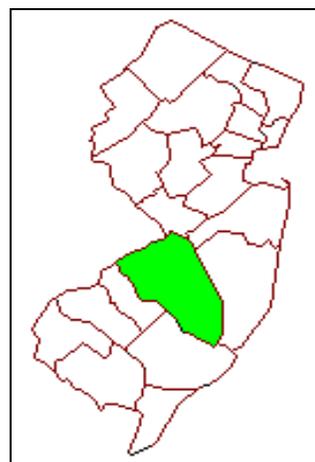
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**NEW JERSEY
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 97,186 acres in 1992 to 103,667 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 119 acres in 1992 to 121 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 405 farms in 1992 to 432 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

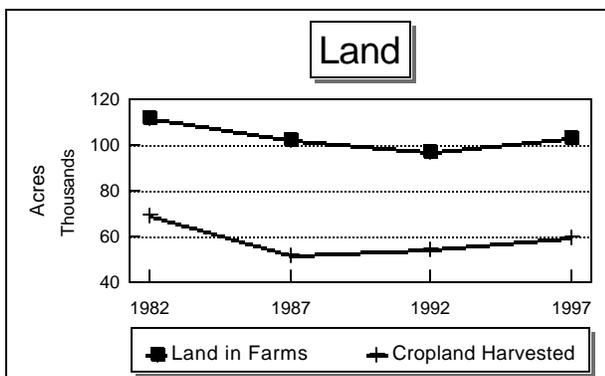
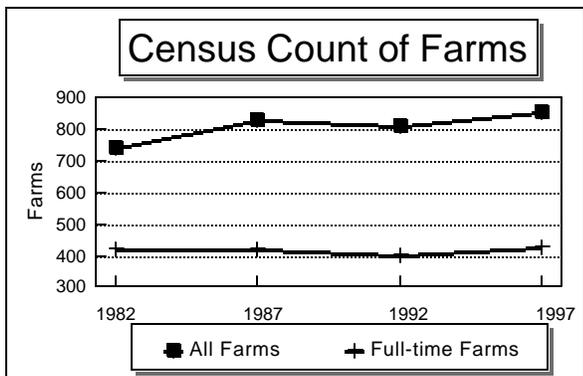
Increased 36 percent to \$87,535,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$79,121 in 1992 to \$102,141 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	87,535	2	20	630	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	75,845	2	20	268	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,690	3	20	1,736	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	28,837	2	20	68	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	26,929	3	20	74	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	9,063	6	20	116	2,739
Dairy products	5,125	4	14	629	2,563
Soybeans	4,875	1	15	743	2,136
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	38,885	3	18	131	2,200
Turkeys sold	D	1	18	338	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	D	3	14	741	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	2,102	6	19	2,637	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	630	10	20	1,974	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	27,650	1	19	70	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	4,720	5	20	2,608	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,469	3	20	145	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,703	10	20	999	3,002
All turkeys inventory	D	3	19	386	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,088	1	15	743	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	11,171	4	17	1,044	2,691
Hay crops-acres	7,261	6	20	1,990	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,286	4	16	1,034	2,612
Total berries-acres	D	2	20	12	2,058

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	448	460	-3
\$10,000 or more	409	356	15
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	64,263	53,166	21
Average per farm dollars	75,073	65,075	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	23,669	10,531	125
Average per farm dollars	27,651	12,890	115
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	695	672	3
Partnership or corporation	156	139	12
Other	6	5	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	432	405	7
Other	425	411	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	738	718	3
Female	119	98	21
Operators by race:			
White	836	802	4
Black and other races	21	14	50
Average age of operator	55	53	4

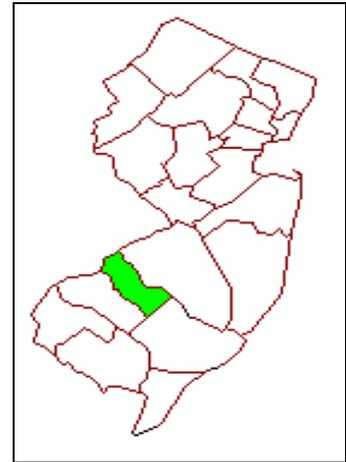
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**NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 7,799 acres in 1992 to 9,007 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 41 acres in 1992 to 43 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 98 farms in 1992 to 85 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

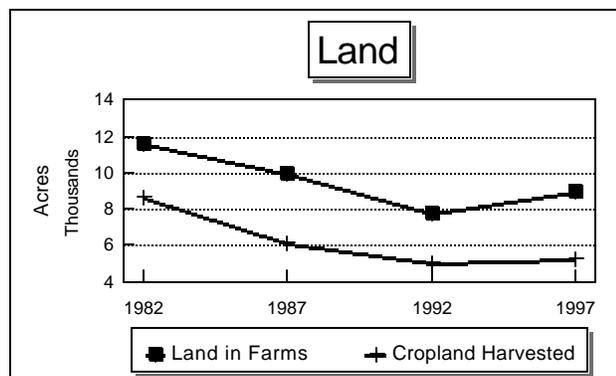
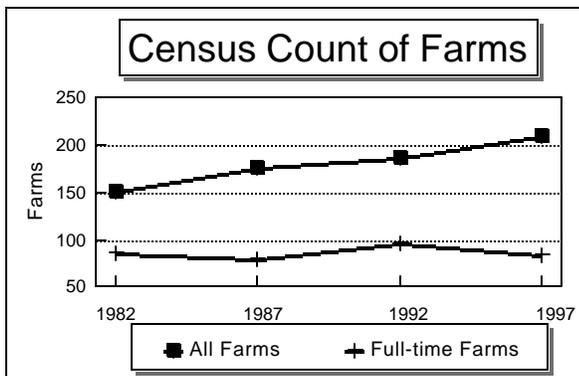
Increased 114 percent to \$17,473,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 90 percent from \$43,512 in 1992 to \$82,811 in 1997.



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CAMDEN COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	17,473	12	20	2,204	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,212	11	20	1,384	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	261	17	20	2,989	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,259	9	20	198	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,788	8	20	229	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,713	6	20	201	2,547
Cut christmas trees harv	296	14	18	224	1,965
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	213	6	18	771	2,237
Hogs and pigs sold	559	11	20	2,018	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	212	13	20	1,216	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	100	11	14	1,391	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	61	15	19	3,039	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	48	17	19	2,285	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	658	14	20	1,462	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	586	12	20	1,377	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	503	5	18	609	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	424	9	19	1,937	3,005
Broiler inventory	256	9	18	1,200	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,798	8	20	310	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	1,208	3	20	301	2,693
Hay crops-acres	525	16	20	2,940	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	D	16	17	2,119	2,691
All nursery-acres	319	17	20	733	2,619

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	129	120	8
\$10,000 or more	82	68	21
Total farm production expenses \$1,000			
Average per farm dollars	9,539	6,337	51
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	7,845	1,910	311
Average per farm dollars	37,535	10,105	271
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	180	152	18
Partnership or corporation	25	33	-24
Other	6	3	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	85	98	-13
Other	126	90	40
Operators by sex:			
Male	181	161	12
Female	30	27	11
Operators by race:			
White	204	185	10
Black and other races	7	3	133
Average age of operator	58	58	

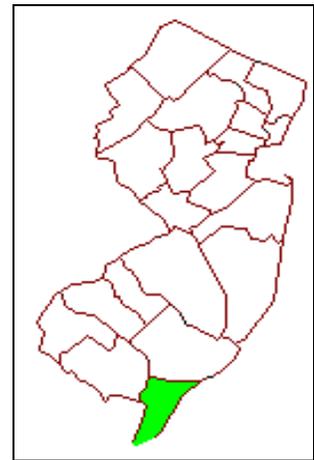
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**NEW JERSEY
CAPE MAY COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 11,644 acres in 1992 to 9,669 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 71 acres in 1992 to 65 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 35 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 57 farms in 1997.

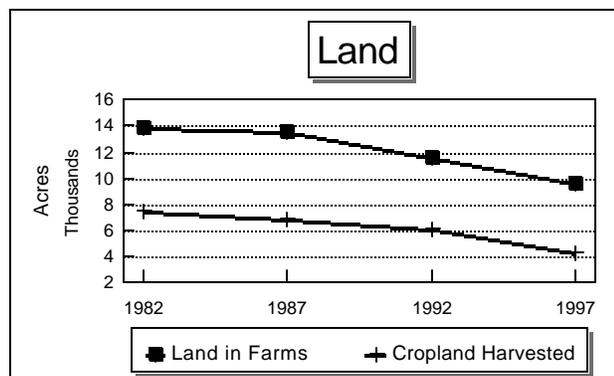
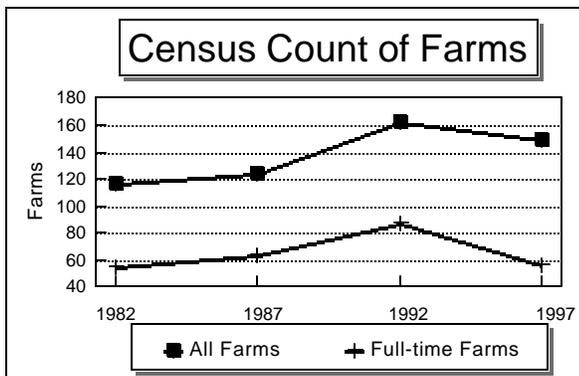
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 21 percent to \$6,807,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$34,443 in 1992 to \$45,685 in 1997.



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County Profile

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CAPE MAY COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,807	18	20	2,667	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,531	17	20	1,989	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	276	16	20	2,984	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,594	17	20	419	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,627	14	20	408	2,739
Hogs and pigs	138	6	20	1,684	2,976
Field seed, grass seed, hay, silage	127	15	19	2,583	3,043
Cut christmas trees harv	105	16	18	512	1,965
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	820	5	19	1,685	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	647	15	20	1,474	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	594	11	19	941	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	257	13	20	3,013	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	252	16	20	2,394	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,336	13	20	2,818	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,094	12	20	271	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	837	14	20	499	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	D	11	15	1,706	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	477	15	17	2,069	2,691

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	97	99	-2
\$10,000 or more	52	64	-19
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	4,969	4,320	15
Average per farm dollars.	33,351	26,665	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit \$1,000	1,937	976	98
Average per farm dollars.	12,997	6,023	116
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	130	146	-11
Partnership or corporation	18	16	13
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	57	88	-35
Other	92	75	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	124	136	-9
Female	25	27	-7
Operators by race:			
White	145	155	-6
Black and other races	4	8	-50
Average age of operator	54	56	-4

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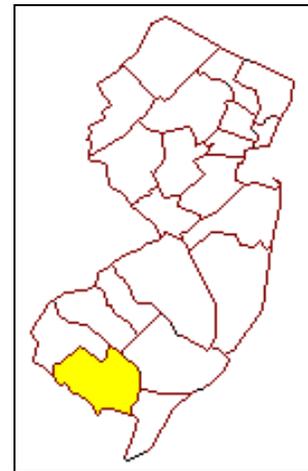
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**NEW JERSEY
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 68,627 acres in 1992 to 66,288 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 113 acres in 1992 to 116 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 332 farms in 1992 to 304 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

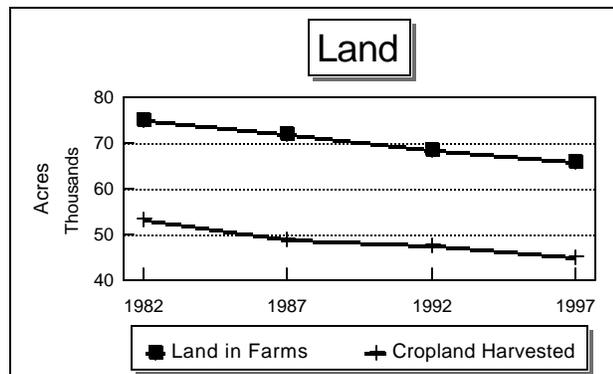
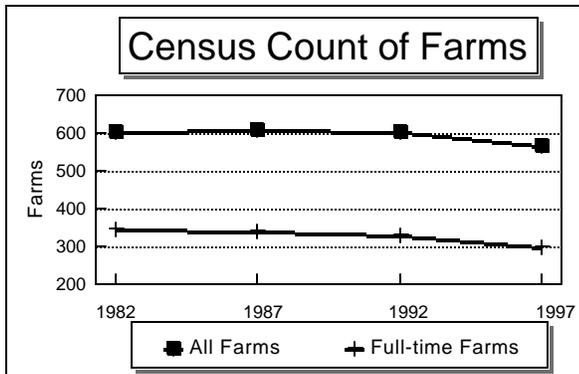
Increased 29 percent to \$94,152,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$119,857 in 1992 to \$164,315 in 1997.



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CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	94,152	1	20	561	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	90,432	1	20	174	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,721	9	20	2,490	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	44,291	1	20	33	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	31,166	2	20	61	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	8,037	4	20	126	2,547
Soybeans	2,260	4	15	952	2,136
Dairy products	1,853	7	14	1,081	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	4	20	523	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,296	8	20	2,803	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,215	2	19	1,306	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,259	10	19	598	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	406	15	20	1,861	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	13,885	1	20	46	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	12,610	3	15	932	2,144
Total herbs-acres	7,504	1	18	6	649
Wheat-acres	6,664	2	16	918	2,612
All nursery-acres	4,184	3	20	54	2,619

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	265	260	2
\$10,000 or more	308	349	-12
Total farm production expenses \$1,000			
Average per farm dollars.	109,743	92,288	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit \$1,000			
Average per farm dollars.	51,164	27,934	83
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	482	499	-3
Partnership or corporation	88	107	-18
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	304	332	-8
Other	269	277	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	508	558	-9
Female	65	51	27
Operators by race:			
White	558	599	-7
Black and other races	15	10	50
Average age of operator	53	52	2

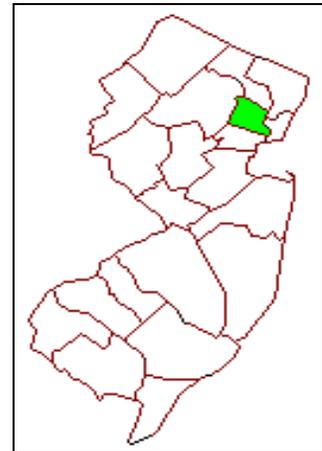
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**NEW JERSEY
ESSEX COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Unchanged from 613 acres in 1992 to 0 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 100 percent from 28 acres in 1992 to 0 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 12 farms in 1992 to 10 farms in 1997.

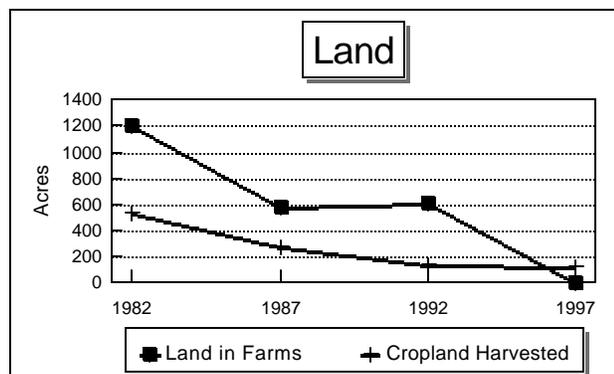
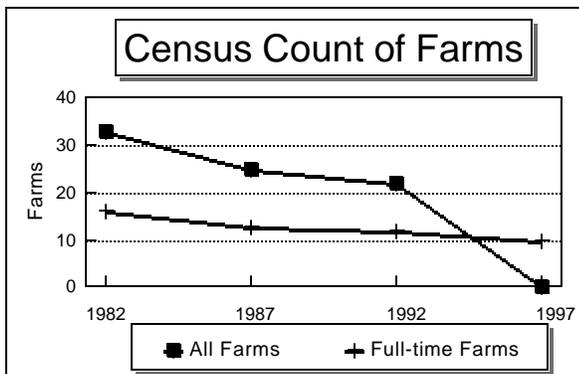
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 34 percent to \$1,223,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$41,486 in 1992 to \$58,235 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

ESSEX COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,223	20	20	2,993	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,215	20	20	2,666	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8	20	20	3,061	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	980	20	20	985	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	D	19	20	1,002	2,739
Hogs and pigs	D	18	20	2,792	2,976
Horses and ponies	D	20	20	2,929	3,015
Poultry & products	D	19	20	2,520	2,901
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	15	18	1,651	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	D	17	20	2,792	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	19	20	1,848	2,203
Turkeys sold	D	16	18	959	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	D	19	19	2,680	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	19	20	2,194	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	D	17	19	2,786	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	D	20	20	3,051	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	D	19	19	2,740	2,884
All turkeys inventory	D	18	19	1,652	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	91	18	20	1,289	2,741
Total herbs-acres	D	11	18	166	649
All nursery-acres	9	20	20	2,135	2,619
Hay crops-acres	D	20	20	3,060	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	D	20	20	2,525	2,693

Other County Summary Highlights

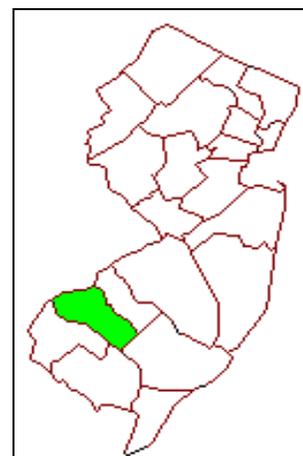
Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	6	6	
\$10,000 or more	15	16	-6
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	838	486	72
Average per farm dollars	39,914	22,092	81
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	385	427	-10
Average per farm dollars	18,321	19,394	-6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	9	14	-36
Partnership or corporation	12	8	50
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	10	12	-17
Other	11	10	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	20	22	-9
Female	1	-	
Operators by race:			
White	20	22	-9
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	59	57	4

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**NEW JERSEY
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE**



Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 61,748 acres in 1992 to 58,373 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 88 acres in 1992 to 90 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 349 farms in 1992 to 316 farms in 1997.

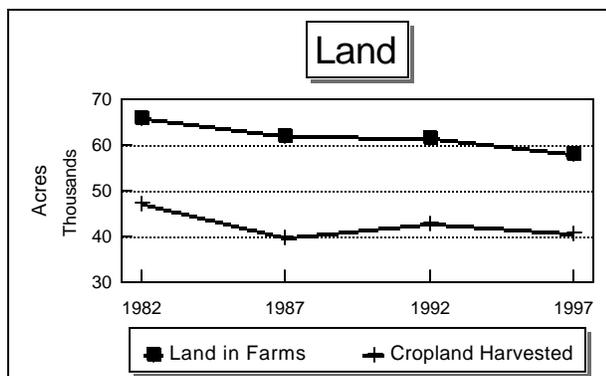
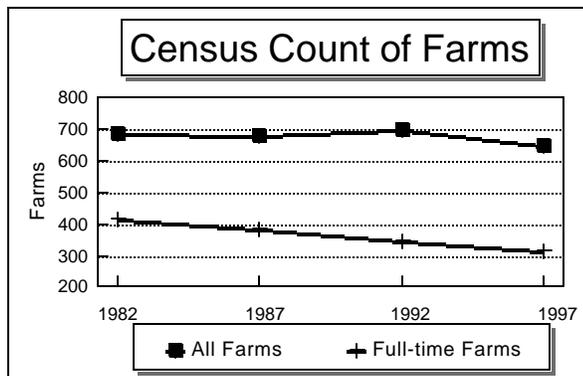
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 23 percent to \$66,972,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$77,521 in 1992 to \$102,717 in 1997.



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GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	66,972	5	20	871	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	61,308	5	20	399	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,664	6	20	2,277	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	24,252	2	20	50	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	22,446	6	20	91	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	9,973	3	20	115	2,547
Dairy products	2,407	6	14	976	2,563
Hogs and pigs	2,362	1	20	770	2,976
Hogs and pigs sold	20,640	1	20	807	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	D	1	14	692	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,880	10	18	440	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	854	7	19	2,854	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	738	6	19	997	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,952	1	19	724	3,005
Broiler inventory	3,657	2	18	664	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	3,093	7	20	2,735	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,156	8	19	428	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,395	3	18	735	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,960	4	15	942	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	8,149	3	20	85	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	5,472	1	20	107	2,693
Wheat-acres	5,355	3	16	1,020	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,515	9	20	2,494	3,061

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	350	377	-7
\$10,000 or more	302	327	-8
Total farm production expenses	\$1,000. 47,214	43,140	9
Average per farm	dollars. 72,525	61,191	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit	\$1,000. 20,613	10,494	96
Average per farm	dollars. 31,663	14,886	113
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	565	620	-9
Partnership or corporation	85	80	6
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	316	349	-9
Other	336	355	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	559	620	-10
Female	93	84	11
Operators by race:			
White	646	695	-7
Black and other races	6	9	-33
Average age of operator	54	53	2

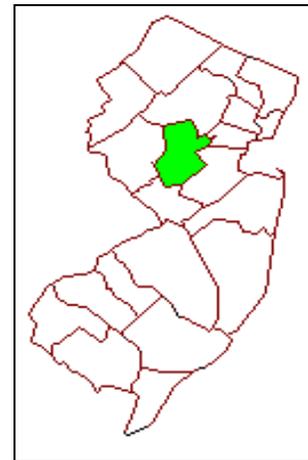
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**NEW JERSEY
HUNTERDON COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 106,324 acres in 1992 to 105,230 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 82 acres in 1992 to 80 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 478 farms in 1992 to 496 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

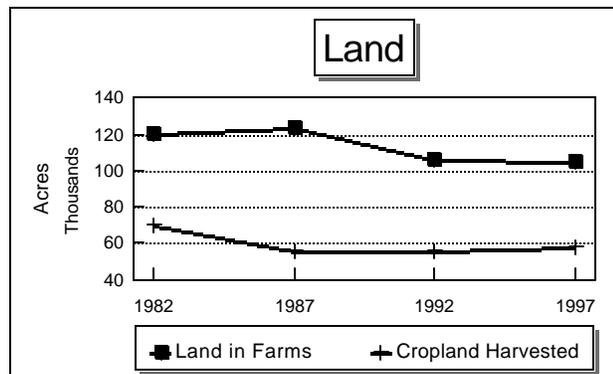
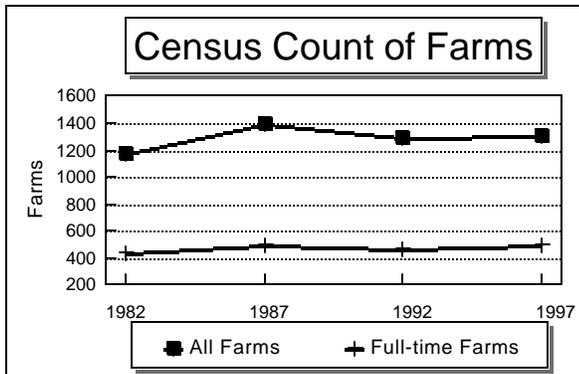
Increased 38 percent to \$36,057,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$20,174 in 1992 to \$27,461 in 1997.



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HUNTERDON COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	36,057	8	20	1,541	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,149	9	20	993	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,907	5	20	2,052	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	16,621	7	20	132	2,790
Field seed, grass seed, hay, silage	3,254	1	19	206	3,043
Corn for grain	2,956	4	16	979	2,582
Dairy products	2,887	5	14	890	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,035	13	20	359	2,739
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	57,253	2	18	101	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9,987	2	14	707	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,492	3	19	2,397	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,592	1	19	379	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	2,138	6	20	1,526	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	27,217	2	19	71	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	8,445	3	20	2,285	3,064
Broiler inventory	6,099	1	18	642	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,378	6	20	861	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,250	1	18	361	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	28,417	1	20	717	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	12,056	2	17	1,009	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,203	8	15	1,062	2,144
Wheat-acres	3,794	5	16	1,188	2,612
All nursery-acres	2,698	4	20	90	2,619

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	944	956	-1
\$10,000 or more	369	343	8
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	32,252	24,226	33
Average per farm dollars	24,601	18,664	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	2,806	1,925	46
Average per farm dollars	2,140	1,483	44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,137	1,120	2
Partnership or corporation	168	167	1
Other	8	12	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	496	478	4
Other	817	821	-0
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,097	1,095	0
Female	216	204	6
Operators by race:			
White	1,304	1,290	1
Black and other races	9	9	
Average age of operator	57	55	4

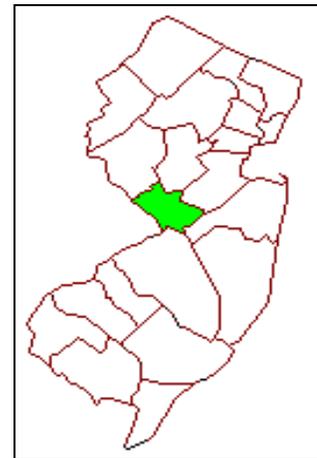
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**NEW JERSEY
MERCER COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 21 percent from 35,786 acres in 1992 to 28,391 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 121 acres in 1992 to 100 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 121 farms in 1997.

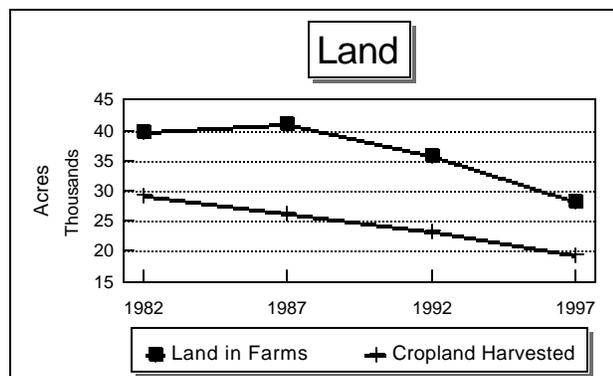
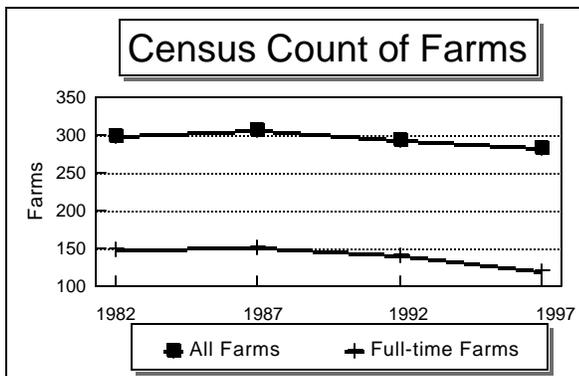
Market value of agricultural products sold

Decreased 17 percent to \$13,255,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$53,647 in 1992 to \$46,510 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

MERCER COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	13,255	14	20	2,367	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	12,256	12	20	1,632	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	999	13	20	2,877	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,519	16	20	361	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,350	12	20	329	2,739
Soybeans	2,023	7	15	979	2,136
Corn for grain	1,599	6	16	1,185	2,582
Dairy products	571	9	14	1,680	2,563
Turkeys sold	D	5	18	421	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	D	5	20	1,503	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	9	20	998	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	334	12	19	2,955	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	312	10	19	1,497	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	D	2	19	375	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	785	10	20	2,954	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	641	16	20	1,484	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	D	8	19	1,791	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	480	13	20	1,648	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,334	7	15	1,013	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,123	6	17	1,307	2,691
Hay crops-acres	2,123	11	20	2,692	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,082	13	20	436	2,741
All nursery-acres	1,082	13	20	274	2,619

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	176	170	4
\$10,000 or more	109	126	-13
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	9,492	12,214	-22
Average per farm dollars	33,424	41,262	-19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	3,242	3,969	-18
Average per farm dollars	11,417	13,410	-15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	226	234	-3
Partnership or corporation	52	55	-5
Other	7	7	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	121	144	-16
Other	164	152	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	248	241	3
Female	37	55	-33
Operators by race:			
White	279	294	-5
Black and other races	6	2	200
Average age of operator	57	55	4

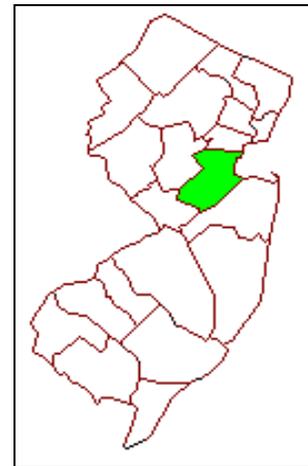
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**NEW JERSEY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 25,011 acres in 1992 to 28,100 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 104 acres in 1992 to 102 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 123 farms in 1997.

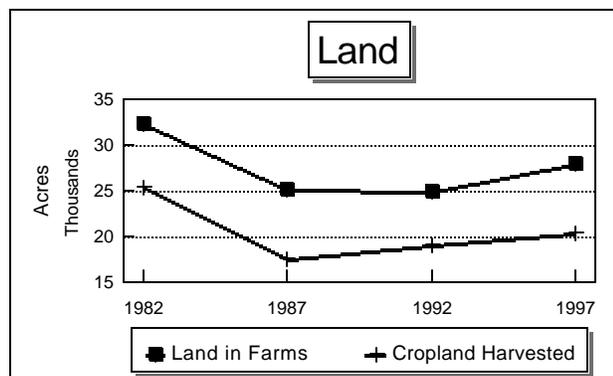
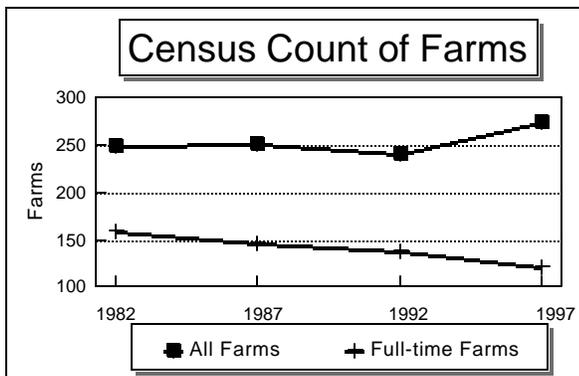
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 46 percent to \$34,355,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$97,585 in 1992 to \$124,927 in 1997.



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	34,355	9	20	1,591	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,211	7	20	868	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,144	12	20	2,850	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	25,324	4	20	81	2,790
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Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,341	9	20	253	2,739
Soybeans	2,084	6	15	968	2,136
Corn for grain	1,440	7	16	1,220	2,582
Hogs and pigs sold	D	4	20	1,444	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	D	1	16	100	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	D	2	19	419	2,765
All goats sold	D	1	17	53	2,686
Cattle and calves sold	359	10	19	2,949	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,236	12	20	1,092	3,002
Rabbit inventory	D	2	19	161	2,456
Horse and pony inventory	462	14	20	1,701	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	390	10	18	1,542	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	367	13	19	1,175	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,972	6	15	999	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	3,915	7	17	1,425	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,952	7	16	1,433	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,824	7	20	307	2,741
Hay crops-acres	1,472	12	20	2,794	3,061

Other County Summary Highlights

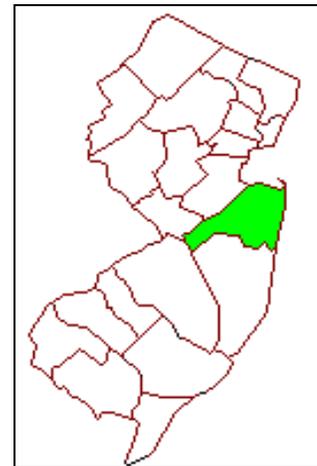
Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	137	114	20
\$10,000 or more	138	127	9
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	21,919	19,792	11
Average per farm dollars	79,706	82,467	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	11,567	3,029	282
Average per farm dollars	42,061	12,623	233
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	208	185	12
Partnership or corporation	61	52	17
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	123	138	-11
Other	152	103	48
Operators by sex:			
Male	239	205	17
Female	36	36	
Operators by race:			
White	269	235	14
Black and other races	6	6	
Average age of operator	56	56	

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**NEW JERSEY
MONMOUTH COUNTY
1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE**



Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 58,758 acres in 1992 to 59,405 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 69 acres in 1992 to 68 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 414 farms in 1992 to 398 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

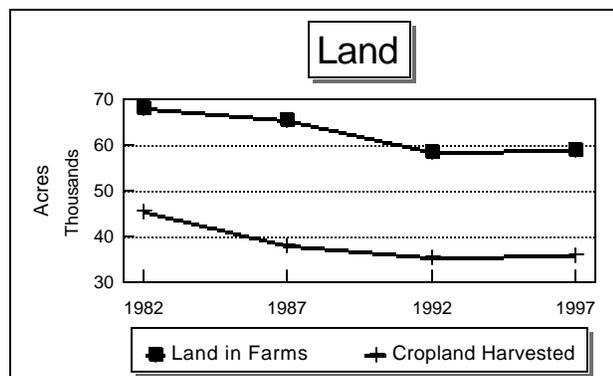
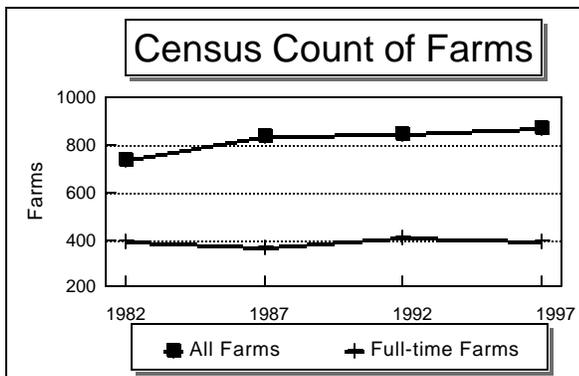
Increased 33 percent to \$67,973,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$59,935 in 1992 to \$77,772 in 1997.



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MONMOUTH COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	67,973	3	20	853	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	62,642	4	20	384	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,331	7	20	2,318	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	45,492	1	20	40	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	10,186	5	20	103	2,739
Horses and ponies	2,582	2	20	35	3,015
Soybeans	2,266	3	15	951	2,136
Poultry & products	2,040	3	20	793	2,901
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	3	20	545	2,203
Turkeys sold	D	2	18	353	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	6	18	217	2,200
Colonies of bees sold	D	1	8	74	611
Horses and ponies sold	551	1	20	68	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	3	20	446	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	D	6	19	105	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	5,115	1	20	22	3,066
All turkeys inventory	D	1	19	364	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	1,507	9	20	2,894	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,811	5	15	973	2,144
All nursery-acres	7,992	1	20	13	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	6,353	5	17	1,227	2,691
Hay crops-acres	4,648	7	20	2,328	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	4,104	6	20	164	2,741

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	513	512	
\$10,000 or more	361	338	7
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	53,373	41,803	28
Average per farm dollars	60,998	49,122	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	14,723	7,730	90
Average per farm dollars	16,826	9,084	85
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	694	667	4
Partnership or corporation	172	175	-2
Other	8	8	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	398	414	-4
Other	476	436	9
Operators by sex:			
Male	712	689	3
Female	162	161	1
Operators by race:			
White	853	825	3
Black and other races	21	25	-16
Average age of operator	55	54	2

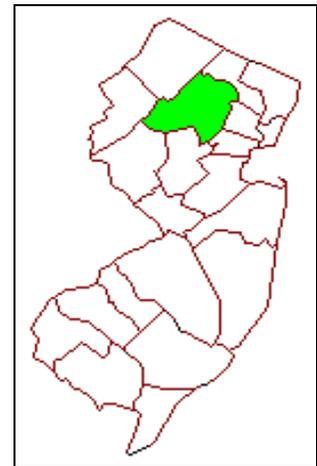
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**NEW JERSEY
MORRIS COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 23,915 acres in 1992 to 22,351 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 61 acres in 1992 to 58 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 169 farms in 1992 to 154 farms in 1997.

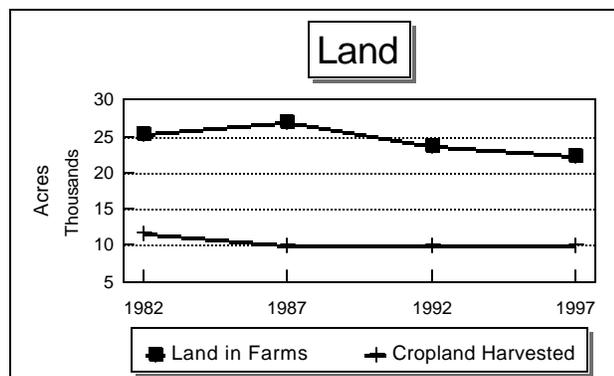
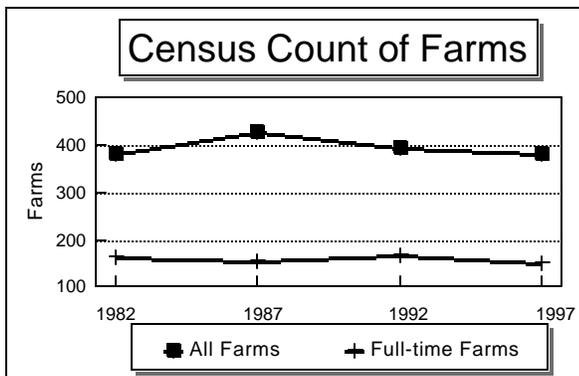
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 70 percent to \$29,956,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 75 percent from \$44,709 in 1992 to \$78,215 in 1997.



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MORRIS COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	29,956	10	20	1,726	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	28,762	8	20	971	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,195	11	20	2,846	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	24,186	5	20	83	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,747	10	20	292	2,739
Field seed, grass seed, hay, silage	685	8	19	1,312	3,043
Corn for grain	586	12	16	1,519	2,582
Cut christmas trees harv	583	9	18	116	1,965
Turkeys sold	D	3	18	407	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	729	10	20	1,015	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	439	9	19	1,323	2,765
Cattle and calves sold	352	11	19	2,951	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	116	15	20	2,539	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,670	11	20	1,002	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	1,345	5	20	471	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	773	11	20	2,955	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	492	8	18	1,424	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	286	14	19	1,339	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,440	8	20	2,363	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,291	12	17	1,602	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,481	10	20	347	2,741
All nursery-acres	795	14	20	378	2,619
Soybeans for beans-acres	D	13	15	1,770	2,144

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	262	260	1
\$10,000 or more	121	135	-10
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	17,506	13,645	28
Average per farm dollars	45,708	34,543	32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	11,541	2,739	321
Average per farm dollars	30,134	6,934	335
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	305	318	-4
Partnership or corporation	69	69	
Other	9	8	13
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	154	169	-9
Other	229	226	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	310	329	-6
Female	73	66	11
Operators by race:			
White	382	394	-3
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	57	55	4

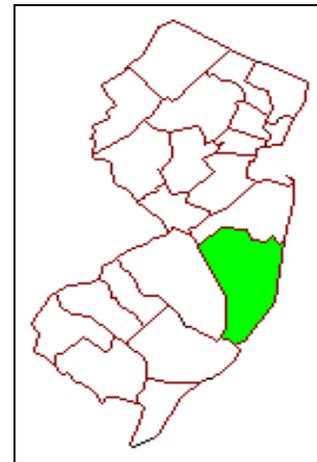
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**NEW JERSEY
OCEAN COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 10,365 acres in 1992 to 11,381 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 44 acres in 1992 to 48 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 111 farms in 1992 to 98 farms in 1997.

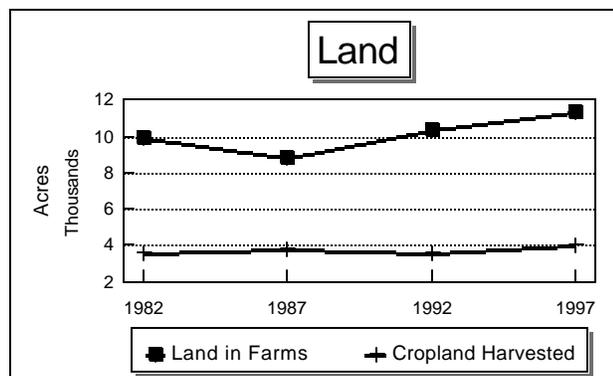
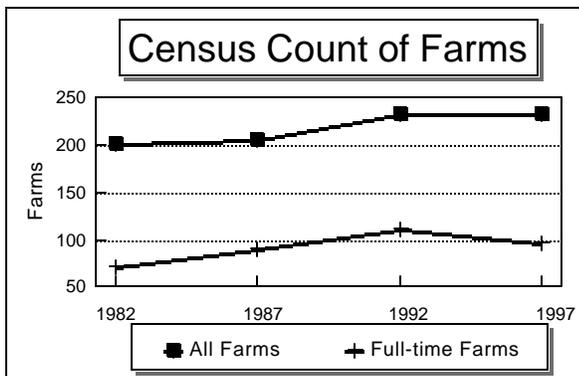
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 62 percent to \$8,170,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 61 percent from \$21,657 in 1992 to \$34,767 in 1997.



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OCEAN COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	8,170	17	20	2,608	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,562	18	20	2,076	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,608	10	20	2,634	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,688	19	20	599	2,790
Horses and ponies	1,547	4	20	62	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,496	15	20	439	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	970	8	20	322	2,547
Cut christmas trees harv	582	10	18	118	1,965
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	9	18	346	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,674	7	20	1,627	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,412	7	20	970	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	282	3	20	204	3,015
Cattle and calves sold	158	13	19	3,005	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,898	8	20	903	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	D	9	19	473	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	653	7	19	1,777	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	641	11	20	1,254	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	553	12	20	2,974	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,064	15	20	2,862	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	619	13	17	2,002	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	602	15	20	600	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	428	12	15	1,748	2,144
All nursery-acres	395	16	20	634	2,619

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	159	164	-3
\$10,000 or more	76	69	10
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	5,288	4,861	9
Average per farm dollars	22,407	20,954	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	2,638	756	249
Average per farm dollars	11,176	3,257	243
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	200	202	-1
Partnership or corporation	34	30	13
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	98	111	-12
Other	137	122	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	178	173	3
Female	57	60	-5
Operators by race:			
White	227	231	-2
Black and other races	8	2	300
Average age of operator	56	54	4

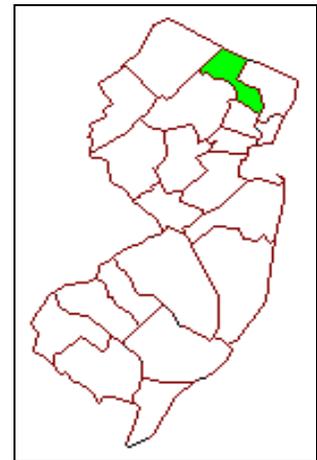
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**NEW JERSEY
PASSAIC COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Increased 21 percent from 1,838 acres in 1992 to 2,232 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 24 percent from 33 acres in 1992 to 41 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 18 percent from 17 farms in 1992 to 20 farms in 1997.

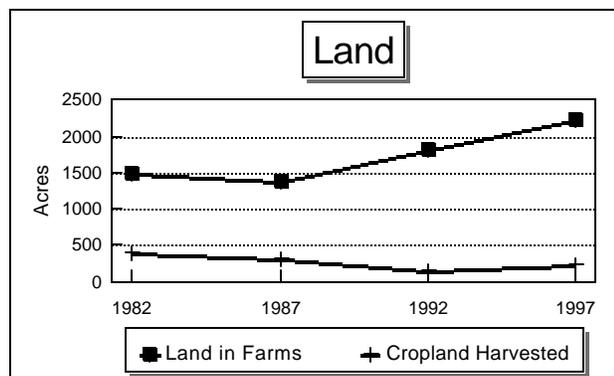
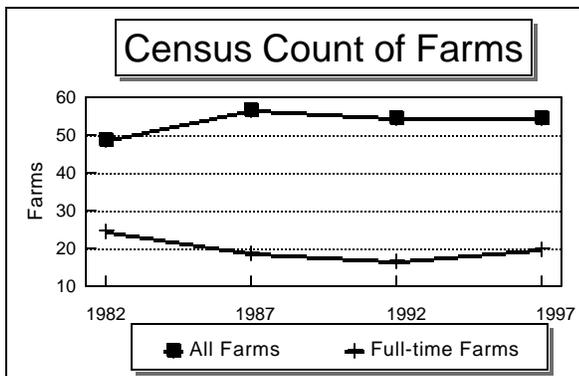
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 13 percent to \$3,863,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$62,184 in 1992 to \$70,232 in 1997.



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PASSAIC COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,863	19	20	2,827	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,626	19	20	2,278	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	237	18	20	2,994	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,321	18	20	529	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	D	18	20	937	2,739
Horses and ponies	D	11	20	771	3,015
Cut christmas trees harv	59	18	18	705	1,965
Fruits, nuts, berries	16	17	20	1,634	2,547
Turkeys sold	111	10	18	599	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	98	12	14	1,424	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	59	12	20	1,475	3,015
Cattle and calves sold	47	16	19	3,042	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	45	18	19	2,303	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	519	18	20	1,655	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	250	17	20	2,405	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	76	18	19	2,125	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	66	17	18	2,340	2,864
All goat inventory	52	16	20	2,219	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land used for vegetables-acres	85	19	20	1,311	2,741
All nursery-acres	71	18	20	1,364	2,619
Hay crops-acres	D	18	20	3,036	3,061
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	25	17	18	678	1,965
Maple trees tapped-acres	24	2	6	290	427

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	33	40	-18
\$10,000 or more	22	15	47
Total farm production expenses	\$1,000. 2,582	2,553	1
Average per farm	dollars. 46,945	46,420	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit	\$1,000. 1,281	867	48
Average per farm	dollars. 23,287	15,765	48
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	36	41	-12
Partnership or corporation	18	13	38
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	20	17	18
Other	35	38	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	47	47	
Female	8	8	
Operators by race:			
White	55	55	
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	56	55	2

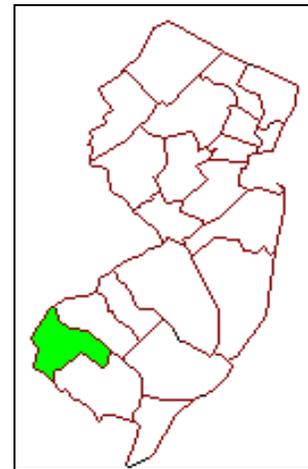
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**NEW JERSEY
SALEM COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 98,256 acres in 1992 to 92,047 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 131 acres in 1992 to 139 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 358 farms in 1992 to 296 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

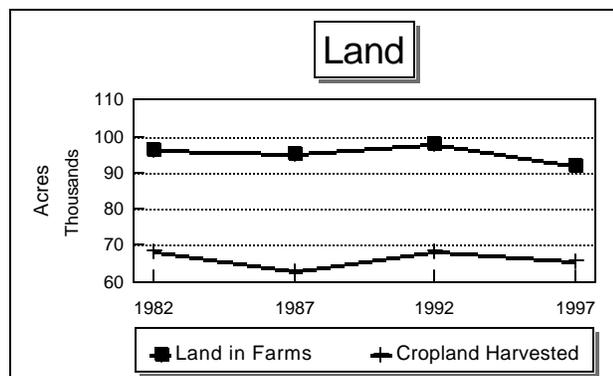
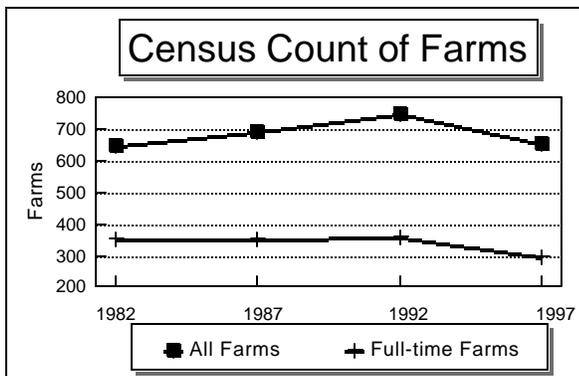
Increased 25 percent to \$67,908,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$72,387 in 1992 to \$102,892 in 1997.



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SALEM COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	67,908	4	20	856	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	43,574	6	20	649	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	24,334	2	20	1,060	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	17,414	4	20	65	2,739
Poultry & products	D	2	20	364	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,562	11	20	213	2,790
Dairy products	8,024	2	14	449	2,563
Soybeans	4,550	2	15	761	2,136
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	2	20	198	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	7	18	222	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,123	1	19	2,300	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	3,018	3	20	1,407	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	545	7	19	1,185	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	2	20	92	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	D	1	18	201	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	10,689	1	20	2,087	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	8,630	7	19	175	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	5,842	1	18	86	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	21,976	2	15	770	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	11,791	3	17	1,020	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	10,992	2	20	58	2,741
Hay crops-acres	8,847	5	20	1,825	3,061
Wheat-acres	8,404	1	16	838	2,612

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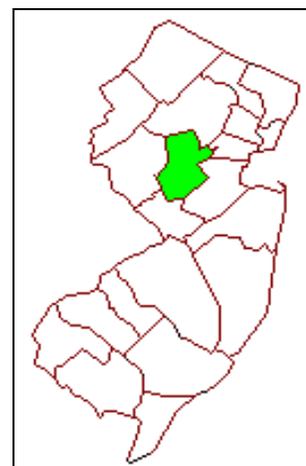
Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	358	389	-8
\$10,000 or more	302	363	-17
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	52,930	42,135	26
Average per farm dollars	80,197	56,031	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit \$1,000	13,882	11,138	25
Average per farm dollars	21,033	14,811	42
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	581	642	-10
Partnership or corporation	79	109	-28
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	296	358	-17
Other	364	394	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	595	693	-14
Female	65	59	10
Operators by race:			
White	652	739	-12
Black and other races	8	13	-38
Average age of operator	53	51	4

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**NEW JERSEY
SOMERSET COUNTY
1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE**



Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 43,989 acres in 1992 to 46,258 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 106 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 192 farms in 1992 to 155 farms in 1997.

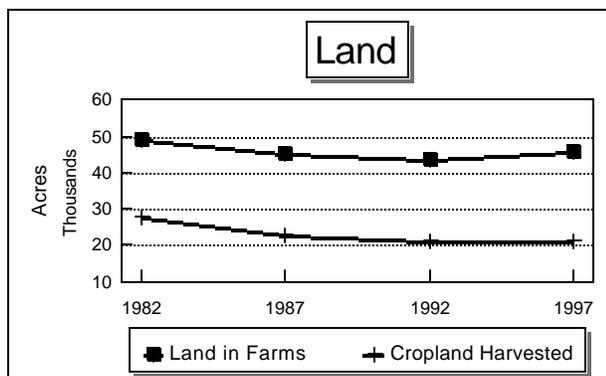
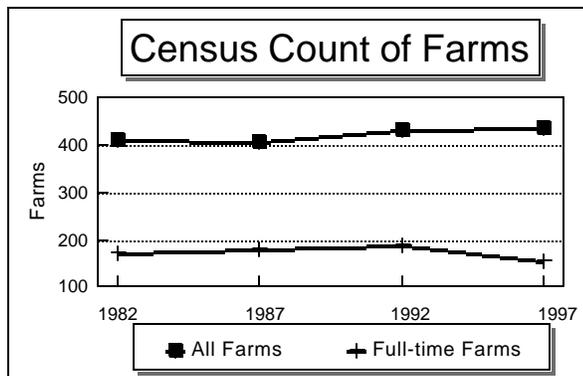
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 11 percent to \$14,026,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$29,066 in 1992 to \$32,096 in 1997.



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SOMERSET COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	14,026	13	20	2,345	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,955	15	20	1,757	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,070	8	20	2,457	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,650	13	20	304	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,402	2	19	2,376	3,063
Dairy products	1,354	8	14	1,259	2,563
Field seed, grass seed, hay, silage	1,120	5	19	826	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	833	16	20	594	2,739
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	D	5	18	186	2,200
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	D	4	14	746	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	2,626	5	19	2,542	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,086	4	19	777	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	12	20	1,089	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	D	3	19	80	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	8,137	5	20	823	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	4,660	6	20	2,612	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,241	4	18	796	2,864
Broiler inventory	D	3	18	777	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,419	4	20	1,577	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,003	10	17	1,515	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,750	10	15	1,335	2,144
All nursery-acres	1,421	8	20	201	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	1,279	6	14	914	2,473

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	287	281	2
\$10,000 or more	150	154	-3
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	12,070	10,166	19
Average per farm dollars	27,620	23,264	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	1,322	962	37
Average per farm dollars	3,025	2,201	37
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	351	352	-0
Partnership or corporation	79	78	1
Other	7	5	40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	155	192	-19
Other	282	243	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	366	361	1
Female	71	74	-4
Operators by race:			
White	433	432	0
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	58	57	2

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NEW JERSEY SUSSEX COUNTY

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 75,531 acres in 1992 to 73,001 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 95 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 296 farms in 1992 to 278 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

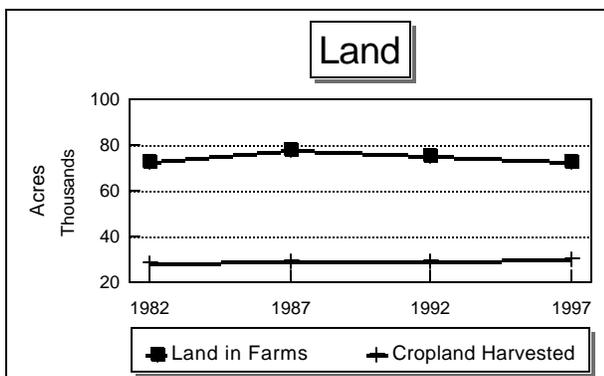
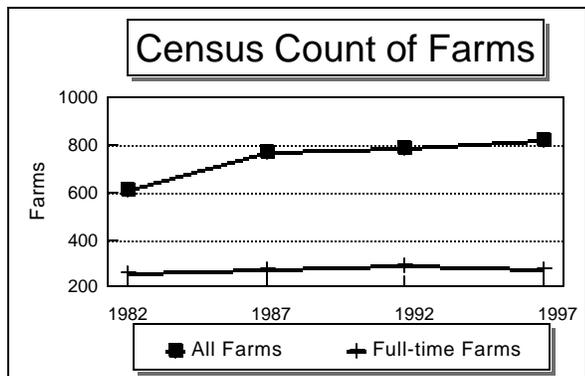
Decreased 3 percent to \$19,187,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$24,984 in 1992 to \$23,201 in 1997.



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SUSSEX COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,187	11	20	2,140	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	11,269	13	20	1,684	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,918	4	20	2,050	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,917	15	20	336	2,790
Dairy products	5,577	3	14	585	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,724	11	20	294	2,739
Field seed, grass seed, hay, silage	1,535	2	19	555	3,043
Cattle and calves	1,358	3	19	2,393	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	26,428	4	18	159	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,461	4	19	2,401	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,666	6	20	938	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	1,293	3	19	680	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,248	7	14	898	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	21,018	4	19	93	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	7,863	4	20	2,336	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,227	7	20	887	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	2,088	4	20	196	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,673	2	18	631	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,287	2	20	1,071	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	4,475	2	14	338	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	3,507	9	17	1,464	2,691
All nursery-acres	1,435	7	20	199	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,243	11	20	395	2,741

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	615	561	10
\$10,000 or more	212	230	-8
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	16,086	16,819	-4
Average per farm dollars	19,451	21,263	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit \$1,000	2,646	2,615	1
Average per farm dollars	3,199	3,306	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	742	705	5
Partnership or corporation	82	80	3
Other	3	6	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	278	296	-6
Other	549	495	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	710	688	3
Female	117	103	14
Operators by race:			
White	824	787	5
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	56	53	6

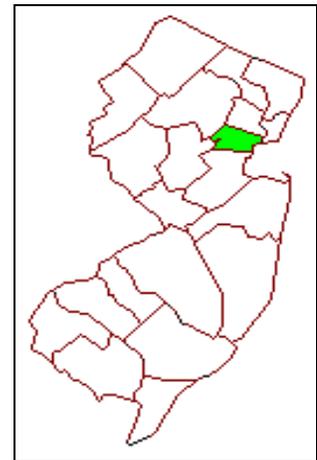
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**NEW JERSEY
UNION COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Average size of farms

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Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 12 farms in 1992 to 11 farms in 1997.

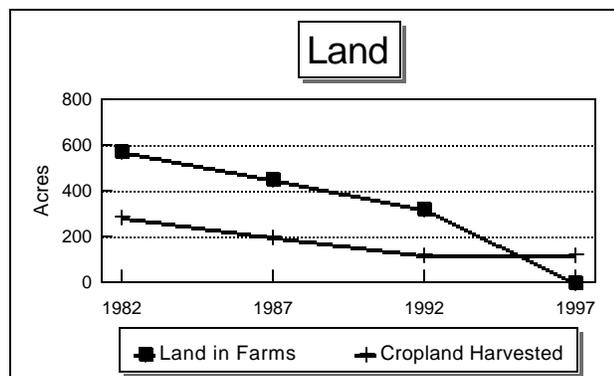
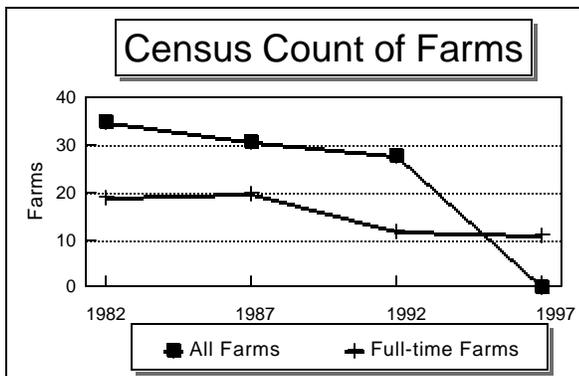
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 50 percent to \$9,986,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 100 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 122 percent from \$236,994 in 1992 to \$525,587 in 1997.



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UNION COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	9,986	15	20	2,499	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,964	14	20	1,756	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	22	19	20	3,055	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,736	10	20	208	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	219	20	20	1,023	2,739
Cattle and calves	D	19	19	3,050	3,063
Horses and ponies	D	19	20	2,778	3,015
Fruits, nuts, berries	9	19	20	1,825	2,547
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	18	20	1,623	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	D	19	19	3,053	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	D	19	20	2,737	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	D	20	20	2,971	2,976
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	20	20	2,464	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Horse and pony inventory	D	19	20	2,851	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	D	19	20	3,055	3,064
All goat inventory	D	18	20	2,879	2,983
Land used for vegetables-acres	66	20	20	1,435	2,741
All nursery-acres	30	19	20	1,714	2,619
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	D	19	20	3,059	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	D	18	20	2,356	2,693
Total berries-acres	D	18	20	1,561	2,058

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	4	11	-64
\$10,000 or more	15	17	-12
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	6,360	3,818	67
Average per farm dollars	334,727	136,344	146
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	3,626	2,818	29
Average per farm dollars	190,859	100,650	90
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	9	9	
Partnership or corporation	9	18	-50
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	11	12	-8
Other	8	16	-50
Operators by sex:			
Male	19	28	-32
Female			
Operators by race:			
White	18	27	-33
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	61	61	

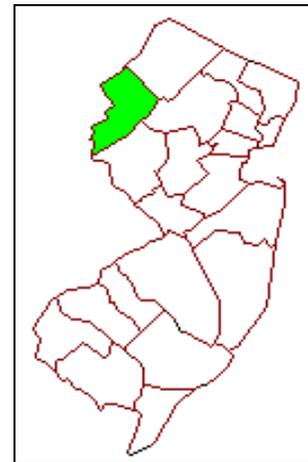
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**NEW JERSEY
WARREN COUNTY**

1997 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE



Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 87,638 acres in 1992 to 82,900 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 128 acres in 1992 to 114 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly

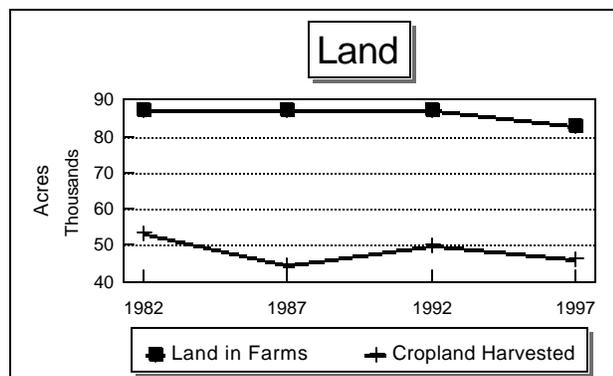
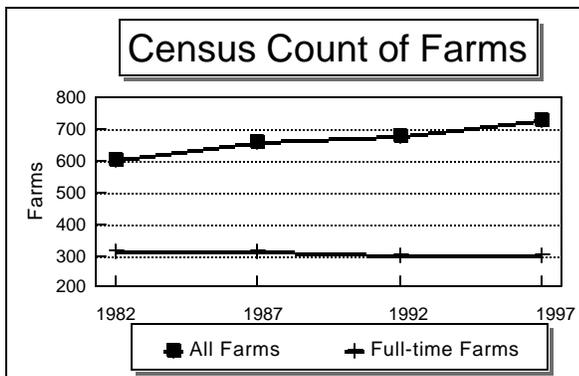
Market value of agricultural products sold

Increased 15 percent to \$46,005,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.
Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$58,375 in 1992 to \$63,021 in 1997.



1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

WARREN COUNTY

Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	46,005	7	20	1,286	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	26,312	1	20	986	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	19,693	10	20	1,272	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & products	D	1	20	344	2,901
Dairy products	8,776	1	14	417	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	6,546	14	20	307	2,790
Corn for grain	5,981	1	16	742	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,274	7	20	212	2,739
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	D	1	20	192	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	58,366	1	18	100	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,899	2	19	2,338	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,860	6	14	833	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	819	9	20	1,874	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	D	1	20	78	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	17,674	5	19	104	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	10,391	2	20	2,112	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,315	6	20	489	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,196	5	18	824	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	21,281	1	17	794	2,691
Hay crops-acres	15,472	3	20	1,284	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,855	3	14	394	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,885	9	15	1,319	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,642	9	20	322	2,741

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	% Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	491	423	16
\$10,000 or more	239	261	-8
Total farm production expenses \$1,000	40,398	36,759	10
Average per farm dollars	55,415	53,820	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit \$1,000	5,200	3,515	48
Average per farm dollars	7,133	5,147	39
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	637	581	10
Partnership or corporation	85	97	-12
Other	8	6	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	305	303	1
Other	425	381	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	629	592	6
Female	101	92	10
Operators by race:			
White	721	681	6
Black and other races	9	3	200
Average age of operator	55	53	4

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